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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 5), 1995

Mr. JEFFORDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Champlain Valley Her-
3 itage Corridor Inventory Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

5 Congress finds that certain sites located in the Cham-
6 plain Valley and the upper Hudson River Valley, including
7 the Lake George area, are key elements in the history of
8 250 years of conflict in the region and are appropriate
9 for consideration as elements of a potential national herit-
10 age corridor.

11 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

12 In this Act:

13 (1) HERITAGE CORRIDOR.—The term “heritage
14 corridor” means a coherent and identifiable region
15 comprising natural and cultural resources the integ-
16 rity of which is integral to local interests and worthy
17 of national recognition.

18 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
19 the Secretary of the Interior.

20 **SEC. 4. CHAMPLAIN VALLEY HERITAGE CORRIDOR INVEN-**
21 **TORY.**

22 (a) INVENTORY.—

23 (1) SCOPE.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
25 conduct an inventory of historic and cultural re-
26 sources associated with sites described in sub-

1 paragraph (B), including a detailed description
2 of specific historic events, in specific geographic
3 contexts, related to the sites.

4 (B) SITES.—The sites referred to in sub-
5 paragraphs (A) and (C) are the battlefields,
6 forts, historic sites, and associated structures
7 and properties (including artifacts), that—

8 (i) are located in the area around the
9 upper Hudson River, Lake Champlain, and
10 Lake George; and

11 (ii) are thematically linked to the im-
12 portant conflicts that occurred between the
13 European discovery of Lake Champlain in
14 1609 and the end of the Civil War.

15 (C) MANAGEMENT OPTIONS.—As part of
16 the inventory, the Secretary shall assess the
17 suitability and feasibility of designating sites
18 described in subparagraph (B) as part of a na-
19 tional heritage corridor, which sites shall be ad-
20 ministered individually, as a unit, or through a
21 combination of administration individually and
22 as a unit, by public and private entities acting
23 jointly.

24 (D) ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.—The
25 inventory shall include an analysis of any ef-

fects that the designation of the sites as described in subparagraph (C) would have on the economy of the region in which the sites are located.

(2) CONSULTATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the inventory, the Secretary shall consult with officials of State and local governments, local historians and archaeologists, owners of historic sites, Native Americans, local and regional planning commissions, local and regional chambers of commerce, interstate organizations, and other interested parties.

(B) CONSULTATION WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENTS.—The Secretary shall consult with officials of the governments of Canada and the Province of Quebec to determine means of linking historic sites along the Richelieu River with related historic sites in the United States in a heritage corridor.

(3) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—As part of the inventory, the Secretary shall hold, at a minimum, 1 public hearing in the State of Vermont and 1 public hearing in the State of New York. With respect to each public hearing, the Secretary shall—

1 (A) notify any person known to the Sec-
 2 retary that has previously expressed interest in
 3 the inventory; and

4 (B) publish notice in local newspapers.

5 (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 2
 6 years after the date on which funds are made available
 7 for the inventory required under this section, the Sec-
 8 retary shall submit a report describing the results of the
 9 inventory to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
 10 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources
 11 of the House of Representatives.

12 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated \$250,000 to
 14 carry out this Act.

15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

16 *This Act may be cited as the “American Heritage Cor-
 17 ridor Study Act of 1996”.*

18 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

19 *In this Act:*

20 (1) CORRIDOR.—*The term “Corridor” means the*
 21 *area of the Champlain Valley, upper Hudson River*
 22 *Valley, and Lake George in Vermont and New York.*

23 (2) SECRETARY.—*The term “Secretary” means*
 24 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

1 (3) *STATE AND LOCAL PARTNERS.*—*The term*
 2 *“State and local partners” means a cooperative work-*
 3 *ing group comprised of officials of the States of Ver-*
 4 *mont and New York, local government officials, local*
 5 *historians and archaeologists, owners of historic sites,*
 6 *Native Americans, local and regional planning com-*
 7 *missions, local and regional chambers of commerce,*
 8 *interstate organizations, and other interested persons.*

9 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary may provide tech-*
 11 *nical and financial assistance to the State and local part-*
 12 *ners in development and conducting a study of the Corridor*
 13 *to—*

14 (1) *determine the important conflicts that oc-*
 15 *curred in the Corridor between 1609 and 1865;*

16 (2) *identify the cultural and natural resources*
 17 *associated with these conflicts;*

18 (3) *determine which cultural and natural re-*
 19 *sources best illustrate the conflicts of the Corridor;*

20 (4) *assess the suitability and feasibility for in-*
 21 *corporation of those resources into the Corridor;*

22 (5) *conduct an economic analysis of the effects*
 23 *that incorporation into the Corridor would have on*
 24 *the immediate area that contains the resources; and*

1 (6) *identify potential management entities to co-*
 2 *ordinate resources included in the Corridor.*

3 (b) *CONSULTATION.*—*The Secretary shall facilitate*
 4 *consultation between and among the Secretary, the State*
 5 *and local partners, and officials of the government of Can-*
 6 *ada and the Province of Quebec to determine means of link-*
 7 *ing historic sites along the Richelieu River and related sites*
 8 *in the United States in the Corridor.*

9 **SEC. 4. GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

10 *After completion of the study under section 3, the Sec-*
 11 *retary may provide technical and financial assistance to*
 12 *the State and local partners in preparation of a general*
 13 *management plan for the Corridor that is based on the find-*
 14 *ings of the study.*

15 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION.**

16 *After completion of the study under section 3, the Sec-*
 17 *retary shall make a recommendation to Congress on the*
 18 *area or areas within the Corridor that should be included*
 19 *in a congressionally designated American Heritage Cor-*
 20 *ridor.*

21 **SEC. 6. PERMISSION FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS.**

22 *The Secretary may not include private property in the*
 23 *recommendation to Congress under section 5 without con-*
 24 *sent from the owner of the property.*

1 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 *There is authorized to be appropriated \$250,000 to*
3 *carry out this section.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to study and recognize the historical significance of the Champlain Valley, the upper Hudson River Valley, and the Lake George area, and for other purposes.”.